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1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHT OF GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS  
OF WHO, FRG, USSR, IRAN, AND REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR  
DEVELOPMENT (RCD) MADE IN ECOSOC PLENARY MORNING OF  
JULY 11.

2. WHO: DIRGEN MAHLER STRESSED THAT ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE  
WORLD HEALTH CONDITIONS SUCH AS WATER QUALITY MUST BE  
DEALT WITH BY "INTERSECTIONAL ARRANGMENTS" THAT "MUST  
BEGIN IN THE COUNTRIES THEMSELVES, RATHER THAN AT THE GLOBAL  
LEVEL." HE CONTINUED THAT "IF TECHNICAL COOPERATION IS TO  
BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF COUNTRIES,  
THAN THESE NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES HAVE TO BE IDENTIFIED  
BY THE COUNTRIES THEMSELVES" AND WARNED THAT NO LONGER  
COULD THE OVERLY SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY ELABORATED IN  
THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BE TRANSPORTED WHOLESAL TO  
POOR NATIONS WHERE IT SWALLOWS UP MEAGER RESOURCES.  
HE CITED WHO'S NEW PROGRAM BUDGET POLICY, WHICH WILL  
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DIVERT \$41 MILLION TO TECHNICAL COOPERATIONPROGRAMS,  
AS PROOF OF HOW EXISTING RESOURCES CAN BE PUT TO MORE  
PRODUCTIVE USE. MANY WHO PROGRAMS, SUCH AS NUTRITION,  
RURAL WATER SUPPLY, AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ARE "UNDER-  
GOING A SERIOUS FACE-LIFT IN RESPONSE TO NIEO."

3. FRG: COUNT YORK EXPRESSED OPINION "THAT ON THE

WHOLE CIEC PRODUCED A CONSTRUCTIVE RESULT" AND THAT IT REAFFIRMED SPIRIT OF COOPERATION OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. IN REVIEWING THE EFFECTS OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC RECESSION ON THE DEVELOPING NATIONS, HE LAMENTED THAT A MAJORITY OF THE POORER LDC'S HAD NOT COME NEAR THE 6 PERCENT GROWTH RATE GOAL AND URGED A STEP-UP IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE WORLD ECONOMY. WITH RESPECT TO THIS, HE HOPED IFAD WOULD SOON BECOME OPERATIONAL AND THAT THE TRANSFER OF REAL RESOURCES TO LDC'S BE INCREASED. HE EMPHASIZED THAT COMATTING INFLATION SHOULD BE THE PRIME OBJECTIVE OF EVERY NATION AND THAT IT IS UP TO THE LDC'S AS WELL AS THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS TO WORK FOR "STEADY, NON-INFLATIONARY GROWTH." COUNT YORK PROCEEDED TO ENUMERATE FRG'S EFFORTS TO AID THE POOREST LDC'S, EMPHASIZING THE INCREASE OF FRG'S IMPORTS FROM NON-OIL PRODUCING LDC'S. STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN, HE CONTINUED, TO INCREASE TRADE AMONG THE LDC'S IN ORDER TO DIMISH THEIR DEPENDENCY ON THE ECONOMIC TRENDS IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS.

4. USSR: AMB NESTERENKO REPEATED THE USSR POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR THE BASIC ORIENTATION OF NIEO AS FIRST PUT FORTH BY FM GROMYKO IN HIS SPEECH BEFORE THE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION. HE CITED THE HELSINKI-BELGRADE CONFERENCES, THE NEW SOVIET DRAFT CONSTITUTION, AND THE

RECENT VISIT OF BREZHNEV TO PARIS AS EXAMPLES OF THE  
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SOVIET UNION'S CONCERN WITH IMPROVED INTERSTATE RELATIONSHIPS AND WARNED THAT NIEO DOCUMENTS MUST NOT BE WEAKENED BY IMPERIALISTS AND COLONIALISTS. STRESSING THAT EFFORTS TO LIMIT THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND TO PROMOTE DETENTE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE NORMALIZATION OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION, HE LAMENTED THAT "WE SOMETIMES HEAR IRRESPONSIBLE ATTACKS ON DISARMAMENT." NESTERENKO REITERATED A SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A 10 PERCENT CUT IN ARMS EXPENDITURE BY PERMANENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM WHICH SOME FUNDS COULD BE SET ASIDE FOR LDC'S. HE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT A RESTRUCTURING OF THE UN IS NEEDED TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ECONOMIC ORGANS, BUT THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE A NUMERICAL GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF AGENCIES OR AN INCREASE IN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

5. IRAN: IRANIAN REP DECLARED THAT RESULTS OF RECENT CIEC MEETINGS FELL "FAR TOO SHORT" IN CREATING STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE ECONOMIC ORDER, WESTERN INFLATION HAD NOT ONLY IRREPARABLY DAMAGED THE ECONOMIES OF THE POORER LDC'S BUT HAD ALSO HURT THE ECONOMIES OF THE OPEC STATES WHERE DEVELOPMENT HAS HAD TO BE SCALED DOWN. YET, DESPITE THIS 45 PERCENT OF

IFAD CAPITAL WAS COMING FROM OPEC AND 2 PERCENT OF THE  
GNP OF ALL OPEC NATIONS HAD BEEN EARMARKED FOR DEVELOPMENT  
AID. HE TERMED THE COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS ON UNCATDR "CRUCIAL,"  
SAID THAT WORK SHOULD BE HASTENED ON A CODE OF  
CONDUCT FOR TNC'S AND THAT A CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES  
SHOULD CONVENE TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS.

6. REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (RCD): OBSERVER  
OF RCD (COMPOSED OF TURKEY, IRAN, PAKISTAN) REVIEWED  
RECORD OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG ITS MEMBERS. HE  
EMPHASIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TREATY FOR AN RCD FREE TRADE  
ASSOCIATION WITHIN 10 YEARS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE  
TREATY CALLED FOR JOINT INDUSTRIAL VENTURES,  
SET GUIDELINES FOR INDUSTRIAL GROWTH, AND ENABLED THE  
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CREATION OF AN RCD INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT BANK. SORENSON

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